

THREE MORE LIVES
ARE LOST IN SMASH
AT SPEED CARNIVAL

Terrible Death Total of Seven
Is Reported at Indianapolis
Auto Contest.

NATIONAL CAR LOSES TIRE;
CRASHES THROUGH FENCE

Mechanic and Two Spectators
Are Instantly Killed.

GRUESOME RACE IS STOPPED

But Not Until the Marmon Car
Hits Post and Driver Keene
Is Very Badly Hurt.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 21.—
Three more lives were sacrificed today
in the mad speed carnival which has
inaugurated the great Indianapolis
motor speedway. One mechanic and
two spectators paid the penalty of their
lives to satisfy the extreme desire for
speed.

The fatal accident came when a Na-
tional car, driven by Charles Merz, in
the 200-mile race, lost a tire and crashed
through a fence into a group of specta-
tors, spreading death and destruction in
the wake of its wild plunge.

The dead:
Claude Kellum of Indianapolis, me-
chanic in the National car.
Ora Joffe, Trafalgar, Ind.
James West of Indianapolis.

Besides the three deaths, two serious in-
juries resulted during the day. Henry
Tapping of Indianapolis was seriously in-
jured in the fatal wreck, sustaining a
compound fracture of his right arm, a
broken nose and several scalp wounds.
James Keene, the driver of a Marmon car,
in the same race, crashed into a post
shortly after the National wreck and was
badly cut about the neck and head.

After the second accident the officials
decided to call off the 200-mile race with
the leading car—a Jackson, with Lee
Lynch at the wheel—had covered 225
miles. Ralph De Palma, in a Fiat, was
second, and Stillman, in a Marmon, was
third. The race will be declared no con-
test, and the great Indianapolis motor
speedway trophy will be raced for again.

Merz Escapes Miraculously.
By a strange freak of fortune Merz es-
caped from the terrible wreck with hardly
a scratch. He fell under the car when it
turned a somersault through the air and
down into a gully near the side of the
track. He was in imminent danger of be-
ing burned to death, but by extraordinary
luck he was able to shut off the engine
and thus save himself from a horrible
death.

Kellum was hurled out of the car and
landed in the gully some distance from
the twisted mass of steel and iron that
had once been a speed machine.
The three deaths today raise the toll
of the speedway to seven lives this week.
William A. Bourque and his mechanic,
Harry Holcombe of the Knox racing team
were killed in an accident in the 200-mile
race Thursday. Cliff Littler, a Sted-
day-Dayton mechanic, was killed by
being hit by the racing machine while
on the way out to the speedway. Thurs-
day Elmer Grumpton, a six-year-old boy,
was killed by the automobile of Dr. Clark
E. Day of this city, while the latter was
on his way to the speedway for the first
day's races.

Pall of Grief Over City.
Tonight a pall of grief hangs over the
city and the more reckless automobilists
drive more carefully through the streets
than they did earlier in the week. The
nightfall penalty paid for a few broken
speed records is greater than was har-
bored for when Indianapolis threw open
the gates of its "greatest speedway in the
world."

The fatal accident today occurred on the
southern end of the immense ellipse and
near the grandstand, which contained
more than 5,000 people. The thousands
in the grandstand did not see the acci-
dent, although they knew that one of
the cars had crashed through the fence
and off the track. A few minutes after
the smash Merz was brought to the offi-
cial stand, and a mighty shout of joy
went up when it was seen he was safe,
and it was not for some time that the
majority of the situation. Merz had only
a slight cut. Keene received a gash in
the side of his neck and several cuts
about the head, but he is not seriously
hurt.

When the Smash Came.
The smash came after Merz had fin-
ished more than 200 miles and was
running fifth in the race. The tire on
the right front wheel came off, and the
car tore away from the control of the
driver, crashing through the fence near
the foot of a bridge across the track
and plunging into a crowd gathered
there. It went through this group and
into the gully, turning a complete somer-
sault before it reached the ground about
ten feet below.

Kellum was thrown into the water, and
he was bleeding from innumerable
injuries when spectators realized the
men were torn in his abdomen and the
blood had begun to pour into his
lungs. Although he was practically dead
when picked up, he lived for some time
without regaining consciousness.

The unidentified man was instantly
killed, and Joffe died as he was being
lifted into an ambulance. At first it was
thought Tapping would die before he
could be taken to the hospital, but the
physicians saved his life and it is be-
lieved he has a fair chance to recover.
Kellum had not begun the race. In
the same car with Merz. He had been
Atkins' mechanic in another National
carnival when spectators realized the
men jumped into the lead at the start,
heading the nineteen starters. Atkins had
remained in the lead with a goodly mar-
gin between his car and the next one,
until one of his cylinder heads cracked
after he had covered 115 miles and he
had been forced to drop out. Atkins
had covered 100 miles in 1:21:11 9-10, set-
ting a new record for the track and
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TO REMAIN AT HELM

Harriman Expected to Resume
Business Activities.

FIRST WILL TAKE A REST

Will Depend on Quiet, Safe Life to
Complete Cure.

PLANS FOR HIS WELCOME HOME

Vessel Will Be Met by Tug, Which
Will Take Him to Erie
Railroad Station.

NEW YORK, August 21.—Charles E.
Harriman, confidential secretary to E. H.
Harriman, outlined today the plans made
for Mr. Harriman's reception on his home-
coming to this port.

"Mr. Harriman is one of the most demo-
cratic men I know," said Mr. Tegethoff,
"and has no desire to evade the public.
It will be his desire to land as any pri-
vate citizen might." One of the big tugs
of the Southern Pacific fleet will meet
the Kaiser Wilhelm II. in the lower har-
bor and take Mr. Harriman without demor-
stration to the Erie railroad station, where,
unless his plans are changed, he will
meet reporters and they can judge of
his condition for themselves. The talk
of his being met at sea by a private
yacht and hurried to his home at Arden
under close guard as surrounds only a
czar is bosh.

Rest to Complete Cure.

"How long Mr. Harriman will remain
at Arden, possibly not he himself knows.
It may be for a week, a month or longer.
That must depend upon his health.
Mr. Harriman is very far from being a
sick man. Our advice from him are
that he is greatly improved, and, with
reasonable care, there can be no doubt
that he has many years of usefulness and
activity ahead of him. His going to Ar-
den is just a quiet life, and because he
wishes to complete his cure."

"As to the so-called champagne baths
and all that, I don't know any more
about them than I have read in the news-
papers; but from what I know of Mr.
Harriman, he won't have much time to
pay attention to fussy wrinkles. He will
just live a quiet safe life, and nature
will do the rest."

Asked as to the possibility of Mr. Har-
riman's transacting his business for the
future at Arden and having the board
meetings of the Union and Southern Pa-
cific directors, which are scheduled for
Tuesday, Tegethoff said:
"They have managed to get along pretty
well without him on other occasions."

Will Resume Activities.

After Mr. Harriman has completed his
period of rest at Arden it is the expecta-
tion of his friends that he will take up
his activities again where he left them
before going abroad. "Whatever any-
one of the country gentlemen, but so long
body may say of Mr. Harriman," said his
secretary today, "nobody who knows him
ever accused him of being a quitter. He
is a man who feels most deeply his moral
obligations to those who are dependent
upon him. It might be his own desire to
retire from activities and devote the re-
mainder of his life to the easy existence
of the country gentleman, but the inter-
ests of others hinge upon his remain-
ing at the helm there he will be
found, even if it kills him."

Another Leon Ling Held.

Alleged Murderer of Sigel Girl Ar-
rested at Sunbury, Pa.

SUNBURY, Pa., August 21.—A man
answering the description of Leon Ling,
the alleged murderer of Elsie Sigel of
New York, was arrested here today as
he alighted from a freight train. He
weighs about 120 pounds, and speaks
broken English. He denies being Leon
Ling, saying his name is Jimmie Skiles,
and that his mother was an Italian and
his father a German.

Kellum had been charged on a illegal
train riding, pending information as to
his disposal from the New York au-
thorities.

WOMAN AND CHILD KILLED.

Bodies Found With Bullet Holes in
Their Heads in Illinois.

GRANITE CITY, Ill., August 21.—The
bodies of a woman, thirty years old, and
a child, each with a bullet hole in the
head, were found today in a clump of
bushes. Two pistol reports were heard
in the vicinity about 5 o'clock this morn-
ing. Later a man was seen leaving the
bushes.

By the woman's side was a prayerbook
in a foreign language and a loaf of
bread.

WENT TO WARN EMPEROR.

Now Karl Neisser's Sanity Is Ques-
tioned at Ellis Island.

NEW YORK, August 21.—Karl Neisser,
sixty-five years old, who lived in Mil-
waukee, Wis., for thirty years, but re-
cently went to Germany to inform the
police, as he said, of an anarchist con-
spiracy against the German emperor, was
detained from Ellis Island today, where
he has been detained for observation of
his sanity. He left for Milwaukee this
afternoon.

Although he has lived in America for
thirty years, Neisser has not yet taken
out naturalization papers, preferring to
draw the German pension to which he
was entitled as a veteran of the Franco-
Prussian war.



News Note: A District Messenger Boy Was Summoned to a Washington House the Other Day to Button a Gown.

FORESTRY BUREAU COMMENDED

FEATURE OF LAST HOURS OF
COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Controversy Over Reserves Ends
Peacefully in Pinchot
Indorsement.

DENVER, Col., August 21.—Further
debate in the forestry reserve
controversy marked the last hours of the
Transmississippi Commercial Congress,
and, with the adoption of a resolution
prepared by Thomas Patterson, former
United States senator from Colorado, the
congress adjourned sine die.

The Patterson resolution calls upon
Congress for action defining the bound-
aries of the forest reserves in such
manner as to exclude mineral and agri-
cultural lands. Frank Gowdy of Denver
opposed the resolution on the ground that
it interfered with an attack upon Gifford
Pinchot, head of the forestry bureau. It
was not until a resolution commending
the forestry bureau was adopted that the
Patterson resolution was accepted and
peace declared.

A resolution petitioning Congress to re-
peal the ten-cent-per-pound tax upon
oleomargarine was adopted today. Some
objection was voiced by dairy repre-
sentatives, but this was quickly over-
ruled. The dairy representatives offered no
objection to the retention of the oleomargarine
stamp on all imitations.

The next convention, the short ses-
sion, will be held in San Antonio, Tex.,
in November, 1910.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected, in
addition to Col. H. P. Francis of Cripple
Creek, Colo., president and secretary,
respectively, as already announced in the
report of the committee on permanent or-
ganization:

First vice president, A. C. Trumbo,
Muscooke, Okla.; second vice president,
Samuel Dutton, Denver; third vice presi-
dent, Col. W. F. Baker, Sioux City; fourth
vice president, F. A. Jastro, Bakersfield,
Cal.; and treasurer, L. J. Hart, San An-
tonio, Tex.

Chairman executive committee, Fred W.
Pfeiffer, Kansas City, Mo.

Representative J. A. Maguire of Ne-
braska today spoke on inland waterways.
He said the United States government
would better spend money in developing
land water routes than give it to shipping
trusts and in building battleships to ward
off imaginary foes. He declared the water-
ways would be the surest way of settling
the rate question and would work no
hardship on the railroads, because the lat-
ter were now unable to carry the com-
modity of the country and would be less
able in a few years.

Dr. H. W. Wylie of the United States
Department of Agriculture made a short
address on the pure food question.

FOREST FIRE, MILE WIDE.

Roseberry, Man., Declared to Have
Been Destroyed.

WINNIPEG, Man., August 21.—A dis-
astrous forest fire, said to be a mile wide,
is sweeping over the country in the ter-
ritory adjacent to Grand Forks, Kootenay
territory. The fire is fanned by a brisk
wind. Residents of Grand Forks turned
out to fight the flames, but the latest re-
ports said the fire was spreading so rap-
idly it was assuming the proportions of
the disaster which destroyed Fernie, B. C.,
last year.

Reports from Roseberry state that
practically the entire forest and ex-
ception of the Canadian Pacific round-
house, has been burned. The steamer Slo-
can came from Almo to Roseberry and
took the women and children and those
from the adjoining town of Hutton to a
safe place. The town of Hutton is also
threatened.

The fire warden of Roseberry, assisted
by all the able-bodied men of the town,
is fighting the flames and deeds of
heroism are being performed amid clouds
of sparks, smoke and scorching heat.
Thousands of wild animals are being
driven from the woods.

MARINE GUARD BOOK FOUND

WANTED IN SUTTON INQUIRY,
BUT HAD DISAPPEARED.

Pay Clerk Guilty of "Suppressing"
Evidence by "Innocently"
Sitting on It.

An interesting bit of aftermath of the
Sutton inquiry is the discovery at the
marine barracks at Annapolis of the
missing guard report book, which was
sought high and low during the in-
quiry.

This book was wanted because it con-
tained the records of the sentries on the
night of the shooting. After a long
and futile search it was agreed by the
officers at the barracks that the book
must have gone to Port Royal, S. C.,
when the Marine School of Application
was moved there. But a few days ago
the book turned up.

One of the venerable pay clerks at
the barracks was given a new desk and
chair some months ago. The chair was
too low, so he sought to remedy the
situation. The guard report book look-
ed good to him. It was several months
old and apparently of no immediate
use.

So the aged clerk put it on his chair
and placed over it a fine, soft cushion.
There the guard report book has rested
ever since.

It was discovered by accident and the
old clerk is being joked about "sup-
pressing evidence."

MY! WHAT A FISH.

None Like This in the Potomac or
Eastern Branch.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
NORFOLK, Va., August 21.—A fish,
whose body measures eight feet two
inches and whose tail is six feet six
inches across, with fins that look almost
like wings, was caught at Ocean View by
Oscar Morris, a negro fisherman, last
night with hook and line, and the mon-
ster is now on exhibition at the Hotel
Kimball, Ocean View. It is said that the
great fish, dragged the boat and anchor
some distance before it was captured.

May Close American Mail Earlier.

LONDON, August 21.—There is a pro-
posal afoot here to close the American
mail Friday night instead of Saturday,
and Postmaster General Buxton has re-
quested the London Chamber of Com-
merce to ascertain the views of the city.
It is claimed that if the mail steamers
sail Saturday morning instead of Satur-
day evening the business men of the
country would be able to reply to their
correspondents by the mail of the following Saturday.

CABINET PLACE FOR CREEL.

Rumor That He Is to Be Mexican
Minister of Interior.

MEXICO CITY, August 21.—It is rum-
ored here that Enrique C. Creel, former
ambassador to the United States, and
at present governor of the state of
Chihuahua, has been offered a cabinet
position by President Diaz.

Creel, according to the report, is to
be made minister of interior, taking the
place of Ramon Corral, who will soon
tender his resignation. Corral now oc-
cupies the double post of minister and
vice president of the republic. Upon
his resignation he will assume his duties
as president of the senate when con-
gress meets September 15 next.

Luis Terrazas, Jr., is to be appointed
to the governorship of Chihuahua, ac-
cording to the report. The story cannot
be confirmed in official circles.

STORY TOLD BY POPPOF.

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Poppof, who was at the wheel, relat-
ing his experience, "as we looked down
upon the sea over which the long guide
rope trailed its way. Eastward were the
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ciers, and northward was the limitless
sea of ice just coming into view."

MAY UPSET CONSPIRACY CLAIMS

FORMER CASHIER OF FAILED
ASHEVILLE BANK TESTIFIES.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 21.—W. H.
Penland, former cashier of the failed
First National Bank, who is indicted
jointly with Messrs. Breese and Dick-
erson, but is not on trial, gave evidence to-
day which, if unshaken on cross-examina-
tion, may disprove the claim that there
was a conspiracy among the three men
named to defraud the bank.

Witness told of the money borrowed by
him, his mother and sister from the bank
in 1887 and 1888, the money for his moth-
er and sister to build houses and that bor-
rowed by himself for the improvement
and purchase of property.

He closed this recital with particulars of
the disastrous depreciation of values in
1893. At that time, he said, he favored
the closing of the bank and the turning
over of the property and that of his
mother and sister to the bank, such prop-
erty being worth \$100,000.

Witness went on to state that it was
pointed out such a plan would greatly
depreciate the value of the property. He
then told of the proposal that the bank
reduce its capital stock one-half, liquidate
the \$200,000 surplus, and change from a
national to a state bank.

Objection of Controller.

Such a plan, he said, was made im-
possible by the objection of the con-
troller, who declared that the projected
change would endanger the other na-
tional bank in this city.

Mr. Penland said that the loans to
him and family were approved by the
directors; that R. R. Rawls, one of those
alleged in the trial to have been de-
frauded, was a director, and as a mem-
ber of the examining committee passed
on the notes, and that the latter dis-
counted the letters sent to and received
from the controller, signing a number
of them.

FORMER SENATOR BLACKBURN RESIGNS

Job in Canal Zone.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., August 21.—The
Times publishes a special dispatch today
from Washington, declaring Gov. J. C. S.
Blackburn of the Isthmian Canal Zone
has tendered his resignation to President
Taft.

The dispatch says the famous Kentucky
ex-senator has written Mr. Taft that he
is weary of his exile and pining for the
blue grass meadows about his home near
Versailles, Woodford county.

Discuss Manchurian Questions.

PEKING, August 21.—The diplomats
conducting the negotiations between
China and Japan on the Manchurian
question are now meeting here three
times a week. The matters under dis-
cussion are the Chien-Tao boundary dis-
pute, the extension of the Yinkow rail-
road, the crossing of the Hsichun and
the South Manchurian railroads, the
Hsichun-Fakumen railroad, the op-
erating of mines in the railroad area.

WELLMAN TRIP IS OFF

Goes Thirty-Two Miles To-
ward Pole; Returns Again.

GUIDE ROPE IS BROKEN

After That Whole Big Gas Bag
Bursts.

ALL OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Only a Few Fragments and Instru-
ments Were Saved From
the Wreck.

CAMP WELLMAN, Spitzbergen, Au-
gust 15 (via Hammerfest, August 21).—
Walter Wellman's second attempt to sail
over the north pole in a balloon has re-
sulted in failure.

The dirigible balloon America, in which
Mr. Wellman and his party of three set
out upon their perilous flight today, met
with a mishap after it had proceeded
about thirty-two miles from the starting
point. Mr. Wellman and his party suc-
ceeded in making a landing without in-
jury to any member, and returned to this
point on board the steamer Fram, which
also towed in the disabled balloon.

After a long preparation and waiting for
favorable weather, the opportunity came
today, and Mr. Wellman decided early in
the morning to make the start. Every-
thing had been in readiness for some
time, and only the final details of set-
ting out upon the flight remained to be
carried out.

It was 10 o'clock in the morning when
the great airship was brought out of its
shed and the men took their places in the
cabin. When the anchors were cast loose
the airship ascended, the engines were
set in motion and everything seemed to
work to perfection. The great balloon
was maneuvered for some time and an-
swered the helm perfectly. Then its head
was turned to the westward and it set
out at a speed of twenty-five miles an
hour.

Provisions Go Down; Balloon Up.

Suddenly, after having covered some
thirty-two miles and when everything
seemed to be going splendidly, the
leather guide rope, to which was at-
tached a thousand pounds of provisions
and stores, broke away. The accident oc-
curred just as the airship was nearing
the pack ice of north Spitzbergen.

Released from this great weight, the air-
ship shot upward until it was above the
clouds. The pilots succeeded, however,
in holding the balloon near the pack ice
turned her about and set out to fight
their way southward. The airship pro-
ceeded slowly southward to the edge of
the pack ice, where the steamer Fram
was anchored. After much difficulty a
tow rope was gotten aboard the Fram,
which started immediately to tow the
America to Spitzbergen.

The strain was so great, however, that it threatened
to tear the air to which the rope was at-
tached, and Mr. Wellman, fearing a dis-
aster, decided to bring the airship down to
the surface of the water. This was ef-
fected without mishap, and the car, start-
ing on the surface of the water until all
the members of the crew, the dogs and
the scientific instruments could be trans-
ferred to the steamer. The airship was
then towed to the landing stage and with
in a short distance of where the start
was made.

Mighty Bad Luck This.

But the ill-luck of the expedition was
not yet at an end. Just as the airship
had reached the landing stage and every-
thing looked favorable for its rescue
without serious damage a sudden gust
of wind caught the big inflated bag
broadside and snatched it away from its
tow lines. It was carried careening over
the ice for some distance, and then it
exploded.

All the scattered parts of the airship
were subsequently recovered, but the
balloon was so great as to preclude any
further attempt to fly over the pole this
year.

CAMP WELLMAN, SPITZBERGEN, Au-
gust 16, via Hammerfest, August 21.—
Walter Wellman made the following state-
ment with regard to his un-
successful attempt of yesterday to sail for
the north pole.

"The guide rope broken we had an ex-
cellent chance of reaching the
pole. We certainly made a good start,
and the balloon was very comfortable
and workmanship as the one so se-
verely tested on the trial trip to-
day. The cause was a weak spot in the
leather undetected and unsuspected."

"The America demonstrated her speed,
strength and adaptability to this work.
In returning to Spitzbergen we made a
loving fast upon the level of another
in our own ship and engines. Had we
not, through overcaution, given the tow-
line to the Fram, I believe we could
have landed upon the level of another
house. For some time it was my in-
tention to attempt this, and we made
eight miles an hour against the wind
toward the camp."

"At last the motor worked unceremoni-
ously because the equilibrium of the ship had
been upset and thus deranged the gaso-
line supply. This led to the unfortunate
decision to try towing. The descent to
the surface of the water was not acci-
dental but deliberate in order to insure
the saving of the instruments and other
valuables."

"The ship not broken up while
landing, we would have tried another
voyage this month with a new guide
rope, notwithstanding one mishap fol-
lowing fast upon the heels of another."
"I do not give up the fight, but hope to
reconstruct the America, enlarged and im-
proved, and very soon, taking the advan-
tage of all our somewhat varied and extensive
experience. My faith in the practicability
of the project is in no wise diminished.
Throughout the voyage, even in the most
trying moments in the clouds and in the
rolling seas, my three comrades proved
rooted and steady. My thanks to them
and to the equally brave officers and
sailors of the Norwegian ship Fram."

Story Told by Poppof.

"The spectacle was marvelous," said
Poppof, who was at the wheel, relat-
ing his experience, "as we looked down
upon the sea over which the long guide
rope trailed its way. Eastward were the
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ciers, and northward was the limitless
sea of ice just coming into view."

LAUDS DISTRICT MEN

Gen. Wood Pays Marked Trib-
ute to Harries' Brigade.

PRaise Duly Appreciated

Washington Guardsmen to Be Re-
viewed by Gov. Draper.

WIN THE ESTEEM OF BOSTON

Will Sail for Home Monday Even-
ing on McClellan and Summer,
Arriving Thursday.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.
BOSTON, Mass., August 21, 1909.
Before starting for home on the gov-
ernment transports Monday evening the
National Guard of the District of Colum-
bia will be reviewed by Gov. Draper of
Massachusetts. Wearing their red
bands as their insignia as members of the
1st Brigade of the victorious "Red" army,
the District troops, in column of com-
panies, will march past the governor,
opposite the statehouse, at 1:30 o'clock.
Orders have been issued on board both
the McClellan and Summer for the guards-
men to hold themselves in readiness to
form into line at 12:30. After the parade
and review, the troops will return to
the morning to make the start. Every-
thing had been in readiness for some
time, and only the final details of set-
ting out upon the flight remained to be
carried out.

The trip home will take three nights
and two days, and the troops have made
all arrangements to arrive in Washington
early Thursday morning. The train will
go right up to Washington and land
probably at the Washington barracks and
lighthouse docks.

There is no reason why the departure of
the guardsmen should be delayed a minute.
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early Thursday morning. The train will
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lighthouse docks.

Gen. Wood's Tribute.

Gen. Wood paid a marked tribute to the
District troops today just before he left
Boston on the Harvard for Governors Is-
land. The general, who commands the
Department of the East